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PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

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1. HISTORY. This is a revision of an existing publication.
2. PURPOSE. The purpose of this pamphlet is to establish guidance and procedures for the wear and appearance of protective clothing by U.S. Army Dental Activity (USADENTAC) personnel.
3. SCOPE. Applicable to all subordinate elements and personnel under the operational control of USADENTAC, Fort Huachuca, Arizona.
4. RESPONSIBILITY. Chiefs and/or noncommissioned officers of organizational elements are responsible for monitoring and enforcing this memo.
5. POLICY.

a. The Dental Activity has major responsibilities in the prevention and control of nosocomial infections in the provisions of dental care. Infection control guidelines have been developed for the protection of patients and employees. Appropriate measures must be taken to avoid transmitting infections to patients from personnel assigned, and to assigned personnel from patients. All assigned personnel will use all personal protection available for the prevention of disease transmission to include immunizations, masks, gloves, eye protection, proper hygienic techniques, and the daily changed surgical scrubs or issued Army white uniforms.

b. Surgical scrubs will be available to all clinical staff personnel. When patient care is performed, a clean complete set of scrubs will be worn daily. Over-garments will also be available for covering the scrubs when briefly departing the treatment areas.

c. All military will report and depart from the duty day in a military uniform. On days when an individual is engaged in physical training at the start or end of the duty day, physical fitness attire is authorized.

d. All military and civilian personnel will wear the surgical scrub uniform or Army white uniform only in his/her assigned place of duty. Under no circumstances, other than emergency evacuation of buildings, are scrubs to be worn or transported out of the dental clinics by users except for the following exceptions:

(1) Walking between Runion Dental Clinic and Raymond W. Bliss Army Health Center (RWBAHC) (a blue/white smock will be worn over the scrubs).

(2) Having lunch in the RWBAHC dining facility (a blue/white smock will be worn over the scrubs).

e. The surgical scrub uniform will be completely worn. No mixing of the uniform is authorized, i.e., surgical top and BDU pants. Personal items of clothing may be worn under the surgical scrubs only when needed to maintain a moderate body temperature, and will not extend beyond the barrier protection of the smock such as in the case of long sleeves and/or high-necked collars. No street attire will be worn under scrubs. The type of shoes to be worn with the surgical scrubs is optional, although open-toed shoes are not authorized. A dedicated, clean pair of shoes (with no evidence of soiling present (i.e., mud, Bedatine stains)) be worn with the surgical scrubs and changed to street shoes upon reporting and departing the duty day.

f. At the end of the duty day, soiled scrubs will be deposited in appropriate containers at the clinics for laundering.

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